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File No.: 1605 and B-28

Homestake Mining Company
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RE: PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATION B-28 POD407

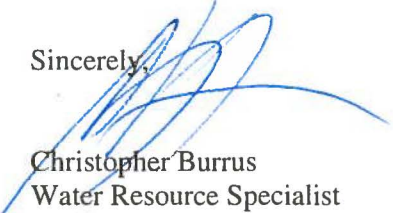
Mr. Wohlford,

On May 10, 2017 the Office of the State Engineer (OSE) received a "Plugging Plan of Operations" for the plugging and abandonment of B-28 POD407 (aka HMC 928). The details of the plan identify the driller will plug the well from 0-feet to 324-feet below ground surface. A search for the well record at the OSE had no results. The well record was not submitted. The total depth of the well is listed as 864-feet in the "2016 Annual Performance Report" of Homestake Mining Company. Further action is needed to complete the plan.

1. NMAC 19.27.4.29 states the well record shall be filed with the State no later than twenty (20) days after completion. Please submit the well record.
2. NMAC 19.27.4.37 allows for a Request for Variance. The Plugging Plan did not contain a request to deviate from the requirements to plug the well from the total depth to the surface. A detailed description of the methods and materials with alternatives to plug the well according to state statutes from the bottom up must accompany the plugging plan.

Please note that as a condition of approval for the plugging of B-28 POD407, OSE personnel will be required to witness the plugging.

Sincerely,


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